

Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Transportation (NYSDOT) For The Maintenance Of Lights As Well As A Park And Ride Facility At The Kingston Traffic Circle

WITHDRAWN BY SPONSORS

Referred to: The Public Works and Capital Projects Committee (Chairman Fabiano and Legislators Archer, Greene, Loughran and Roberts), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Gregorius, Maio, Maloney and R. Parete)

Legislators Dean Fabiano, James Maloney, and John Parete offer the following:

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) in 2009 replaced the Kingston Traffic Circle with a modern roundabout and associated by pass lanes as well as a new park and ride facility; and

WHEREAS, NYSDOT had requested that Ulster County assume responsibility for the maintenance of the lights for the roundabout, and the entire park and ride facility once they were in place; and

WHEREAS, the NYSDOT maintenance jurisdiction schedule unanimously approved by the Ulster County Legislature via Resolution No. 104 dated March 9, 2000 states that Ulster County is responsible for the "Parking Lot Pavement, Driveways, Lighting, Striping and Snow Removal"; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 104 dated March 9, 2000 was never properly administered; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulster has paid for the maintenance and electric cost of the lighting since the original park was built; and

~~WHEREAS, Ulster County currently has the responsibility for the electric costs of the lighting at this location, and maintenance of the park and ride facility; and~~

WHEREAS, Ulster County recognizes that added safety of having well maintained lighting at this location; and

WHEREAS, the new 2015 renovated park and ride facility is superior in functionality, and the County is desirous of providing this facility as an integral part of its transportation system for the benefit of its residents; and

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WHEREAS, the possibility exists to site a tourism information center on lands associated with the new roundabout that can be accessed via the park and ride facility; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County recognizes that the appearance of this gateway area is an important “first impression” for visitors to the area, and a “welcome home” to our residents; and

~~WHEREAS, municipalities, garden clubs and other civic groups have shown an interest in landscaping associated with the site; now, therefore, be it~~

WHEREAS, the State recently announced that it will assume responsibility for the maintenance of the park and ride facility, which does not include the lighting on the actual roundabout; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is authorized to enter into **any necessary** agreements, contracts, and other assurances with NYSDOT for the maintenance **and electricity cost** of the lighting ~~and the park and ride facility~~ associated with the roundabout in the Town of Ulster; and, be it further

~~RESOLVED, that the County in participation with NYSDOT will seek out partnerships with interested parties to insure that the landscaping elements associated with the facility are faithfully maintained; and, be it further—~~

RESOLVED, that the County is highly desirous of locating a tourism information center in the project area, and seeks the cooperation of NYSDOT to obtain lands for this facility,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: NOES:

Passed Committee As Amended: Public Works and Capital Projects on December 3, 2015

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on _____.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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~~\$5,000.00~~ **\$2,500.00-** APPROXIMATE ANNUAL MAINTANANCE/
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